

## FROM RICHMOND.

**Rebel Reports from their Army on the Potomac—The Peace Propositions—The New Conscription Act—The Capture of Murfreesboro—23,000 Kentuckians Joined the Rebels, Kirby Smith.**

From The Richmond Examiner, Sept. 27.

**REPORTS FROM THE ARMY.**

A soldier, who is lost from the Potomac report says that the parties of the enemy who have been committing depredations in London and Fauquier have dispersed.

During their adventures they visited Middleburg and Upperville, and paroled all the sick soldiers and stragglers whom they found there.

The rebels made a dash toward Paris, for the purpose of capturing Gen. Mahone and other officers, whom they learned were in that vicinity. Their effort in this respect was a failure.

It is reported that they captured Col. William Smith, who was on his way to his home in Fauquier wounded, from the battlefield of Sharpsburg. But though he had to be driven so rapidly as greatly to increase his discomfort, he escaped capture. He has two painful shrapnel wounds in his arm, but no bones were broken.

We are happy to understand that the efforts of the enemy in that quarter have been stopped, if indeed they have not been severely punished, as is probable.

Gen. Lee's army was still near the position reported for the last few days.

Thereby, about 70 Yankee prisoners arrived by the Central train, among whom were two reporters of Northern journals. These reporters, it seems, were on their parole, and informed those with whom they conversed that they were going to visit the "sights of the city," and see what was to be seen.

They were well supplied with Federal "greenbacks," and manifested a desire to sell off a large amount for Confederate notes. Yankee reporters won't do to be trusted to "see the sights," even on their parole.

On yesterday evening, about 200 wounded arrived, and about 800 more were expected down during the night. These are from various recent battles, and constitute those who were not seriously hurt.

The Yankees have again taken possession of Williamsburg, have mantled every hill around with batteries, and even barricaded the streets with fence, so as to obstruct the charge of cavalry.

Passage through this barricade is effected by a gate, sufficient to permit thoroughfare to only one man at a time.

The "Military Governor" of the town is the Lieutenant-Colonel of the 5th Pennsylvania, a rude, ruffianly fellow, who has, within his brief administration of a few days, concentrated upon himself the hatred of the entire community.

Reports from the south side say that the Yankee force at Suffolk is certainly being enlarged. A report was received yesterday that large bodies of the enemy were being landed at the White House.

**GOOD NEWS FROM KENTUCKY.**

Telegraph from Knobville. SEPTEMBER 25, 1862.

Gen. S. Cooper, Adjutant-General C. S.

A courier from Gen. Bragg's headquarters, eight miles west from Murfreesboro, on the night of the 18th inst., confirms the report that Bragg captured about 5,000 men at Murfreesboro on the 17th inst. Our loss was about 30 killed and wounded.

The same courier reports that up to the 12th inst., about 23,000 Kentuckians had joined Kirby Smith, and they were still coming. The Home Guard were delivering up their guns as rapidly as they could be received.

SAM. Jones, Major-General.

**GEN. BRAGG'S OWN REPORT.**

TELEGRAPH TO KNOBVILLE, Sept. 26.

Gen. S. Cooper, Adjutant and Inspector-General.

The garrison at this place surrendered last night without our firing a gun. We got four thousand (4,000) prisoners, four thousand (4,000) small arms, pieces of artillery and munitions in large quantities.

ERASTON BRAGG.

**PEACE PROPOSITIONS.**

It will be remembered that certain "Peace Propositions" were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, in the House of Representatives, some days ago, and were duly reported on. We have published the speech of Mr. Foote, Chairman of that Committee, in favor of the policy of making peace overtures at this time, through the action of Congress. We copy to-day, on the other side of the question, the report of the minority of the Committee, which was presented to the House on the 18th inst., by Mr. Barksdale.

There is no doubt that our whole Confederacy ardently desires peace. We never want war. We do not make the war. We stood, and are standing, on our defense against a wicked aggression. We are fighting for peace; of course we wish for it.

For ourselves, too, we look with much interest, not only for peace, but for such a division of the present Northern Republic as shall secure peace in the future. This division will surely come, and the earlier the better. Its territory presents a vast disportion between its length and breadth.

Extremes from two great oceans that look to different parts of the world; and they are separated from each other by 48 degrees of longitude, and an air-line of 3,000 miles. This vast belt of territory is almost cut in two by Lake Erie and the Ohio, the connecting neck being only about 100 miles wide. It is nearly bisected again by the vast desert plain that is midway between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains. It is again intersected by the great Rocky Mountain range, which allows but a few doors of communication between its eastern and western bases.

These geographical dislocations are not the only obstacles to continued union. The diversity of interests will constitute a greater separation. New-England will never rest until she is taxing other people for her advantage. It is her nature and her history. Pennsylvania has ever been demanding what she calls "protection" for her iron and coal; so far the will go with New-England for a tariff that will check the remaining States. The Western States are promoters, and a tariff is to them nothing but a tax for others' benefit. They will submit to it, if at all, with great reluctance; and only because their inland situation makes a maritime connection a sort of necessity. Sooner or later, they will prefer to avail themselves of the free navigation of the Mississippi, which we have endeavored to associate with the sea, through the Yankees, for which they must pay such enormous tribute. California, with her gold mines, and her Pacific front and eastern mountain barrier, will undoubtedly, together with Oregon and Washington, form a separate power. She will not be content to leave her law to Washington, a distance of water of eight or nine thousand miles.

But while we want peace, and want to see the division of the republic that borders us on the North, we think, with the minority report, that the best way to secure the first, is by vigorous fighting, and the second, by leaving the communities concerned to discover their own interests. Any formal overture or pressing inducement on our parts is likely to be misconstrued or resented. We would keep a ready ear for peaceful intimations, and meet them with frankness; but we must adapt our conduct to the manifestations of the enemy. We think it very happy, therefore, that the duty of negotiation is lodged with the same officer to whom is confided the prosecution of the war. Thus we are ready to respond to any intimation and in the proper degree, and to profit by any opening that may present itself; at the same time that we shall escape the indignity of a contemptuous rejection of our propositions. The power to negotiate and the power to strike being in the same hands, the latter will not be embarrassed or entangled by unwise overtures, while the former may be exercised with the delicacy and tact necessary for the best success.

**REPORT OF THE MINORITY OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.**

The undersigned, a majority of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, beg to direct from the report of the majority upon their resolution referred to the Committee, touching the conduct of the war, and recommending the issuing by the President, of a proclamation to the inhabitants of the North-Western States, tendering to them the freedom of their choice, and advantageous terms of alliance at the close of the war.

It is submitted that subjects relating to the conduct of the war are not appropriate matters of investigation by the Committee.

In the course of their deliberation, the undersigned fully discussed from the views of the majority touching the duties of this House. It is a work of supererogation for this body to undertake to decide, and to decide the mode of conducting the war.

Whereas, This Committee feels as if they would be doing injustice to themselves, as well as to their faithful colleagues, if they did not make some statement regarding the services of Simon Bragg; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the National Union Committee are most emphatically due, and are hereby tendered to the Hon. Simon Bragg, for the energy, fidelity, and impetuosity with which he has conducted the cause of the Union.

Resolved, That the members of the National Union Committee adjourned.

**AMONG THE PINES; OR, SOUTH IN SECESSION.**

By Edmund Kite. Published by T. N. Y. Tandy. In this the most graphic and tractable book that has ever been written of the South and Southern society. The peculiar institution is shown up in its true character, and none can read it without rising from his perch convinced that no person, no matter how noble, can be made happy by being associated with him during the time, and

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Resolved, That we unreservedly approve of the late proclamation of the President of the United States.

Resolved, That, as a constituency of the State of New-York, we cordially receive and rally the nominations headed by James S. Wadsworth, for the office of Senator, and his candidacy, and impudently he always affects to be the author of the same.

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